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Flammable peril at petrol station – 1959

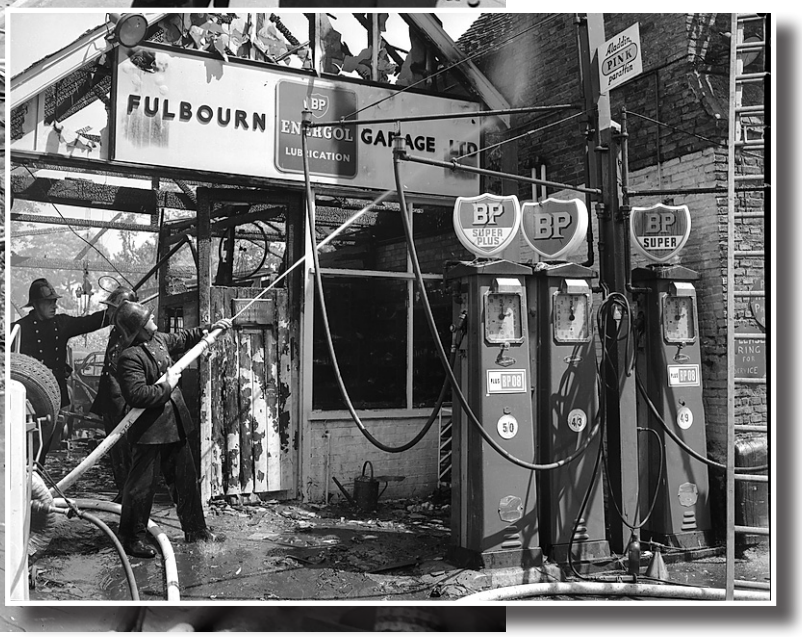
FIREFIGHTERS summoned to Fulbourn Garage found it well alight with fire spreading to thatched cottages on either side.

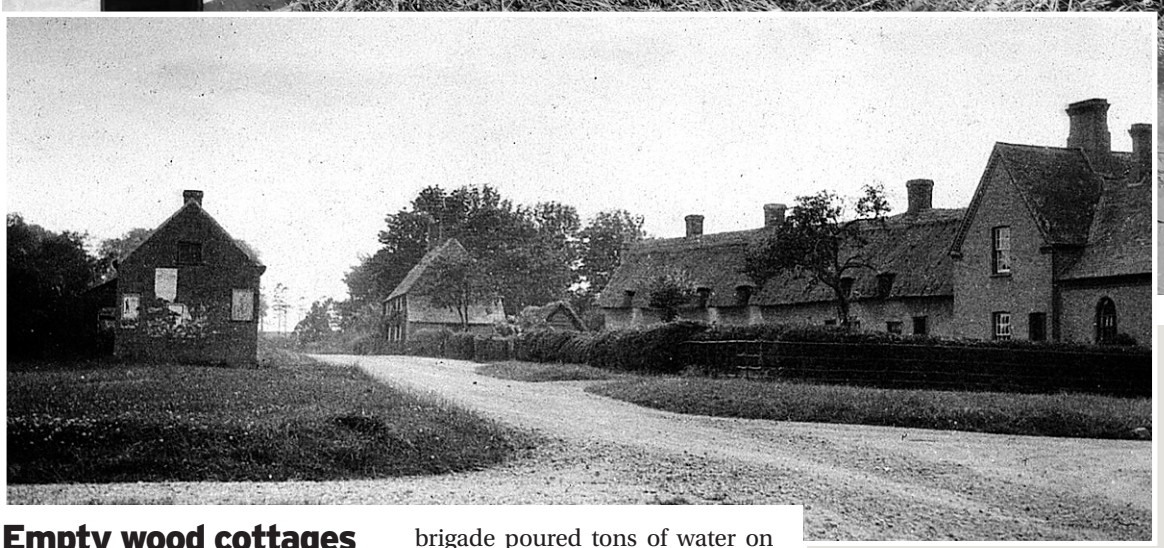
Oxyacetylene and oxygen bottles were removed by the firemen who braved the explosions of the petrol tanks of cars, tins of paint, and celluloid.

They also saved three petrol pumps on the forecourt, which had been filled only that morning.

The garage was gutted and three cars inside completely destroyed, one of them belonging to Denys Burgess, the owner.

Two bedrooms of his adjoining house were burnt out and half the thatched roof of a nearby cottage destroyed.





Empty wood cottages burn down – 1935

Four cottages, all unoccupied and condemned, were destroyed by a fire at Lolworth.

A group of thatched cottages nearby were also threatened seriously for a time as a strong breeze fanned the flames that way, but the brigade poured tons of water on the burning houses and effectually quelled the danger.

The buildings were made almost entirely of wood and plaster with tiled and thatched roofs and the powerful jets of water played on the wall from the back pushed them down almost instantly.

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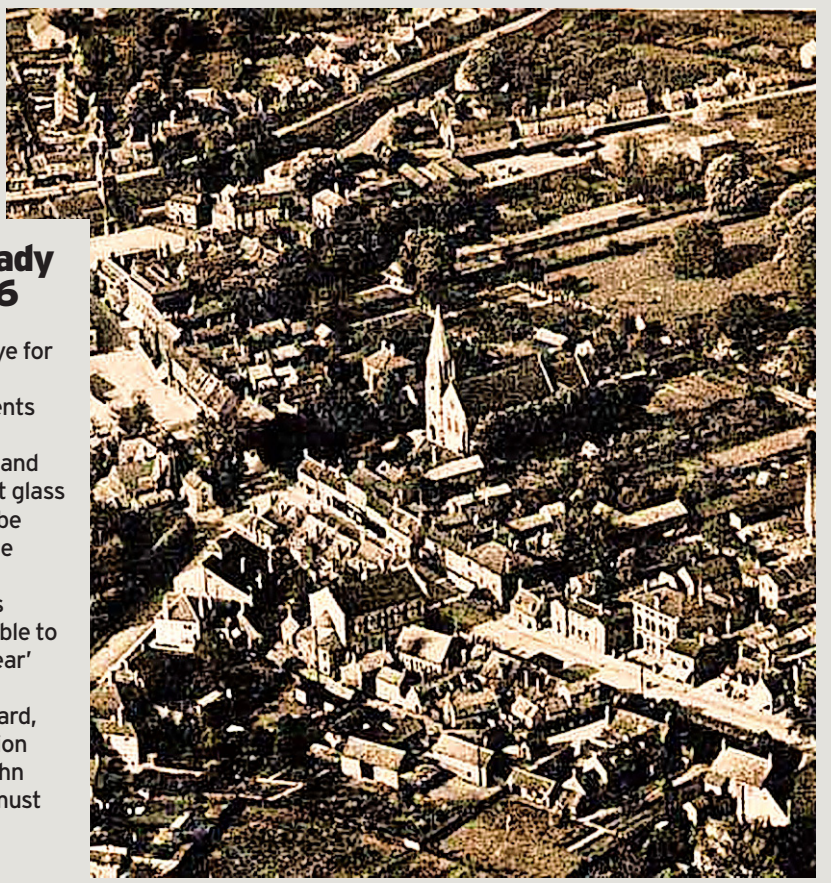

People told to get ready for air attacks – 1936

MARCH was likely to be a bull's eye for air attack as it was an important railway marshalling centre, residents were warned.

Windows smeared with treacle and covered with paper would prevent glass from flying and one room should be made gas-proof by blocking up the chimney and other cracks.

No air raid would last as long as twelve hours and they would be able to get fresh air as soon as the 'all clear' had sounded.

Following an attack using mustard, tear and liquid gas decontamination would be carried out by the St John Ambulance Brigade. But people must wear a mask as some gases hang around for long periods.